

A PERSONAL MESSAGE: Hope all is well with all of you. Craig's birthday is later this month. Craig is now starting 5th grade, is starting to play the trumpet, and likes all sports.....If you need answers to questions or information, it would help if you send a SASE (self-addresses stamped envelope) or postcard. Many of my readers do this now.

IN FOND MEMORY: John Harrington, 66, Sep 17. Mr. Harrington was a wellknown spots and news broadcaster in Chicago for over 35 years. Walter Brennan, 80, Sep 21. Brennan was in 4 TV series: REAL MCCOYS, TYCOON, GUNS OF WILL SONNETT, TO ROME WITH LOVE...Claudia Morgan, Sep 17, 62. She was the daughter of Ralph Morgan and niece of Frank Morgan. Miss Morgan was Nora Charles on THE THIN MAN and played Carolyn Kramer on THE RIGHT TO HAPPINESS...Warren Hull, Sep 14, 71. Hull was best known as the emcee on STRIKE IT RICH on radio and TV. In 1941 he was co-interviewer with Parks Johnson on Vox Pop...Cliff Arquette, Sep 23, 68. Born in 1905 he quit school at 14 to go into show business. He played in a band and then went into vaudeville. He did his first radio show with Fred Astaire and later worked with Burns and Allen, Fibber McGee and Molly, J Benny, R Vallee and others. One of his early radio characterizations was the zany Mrs. Wilson heard on Glamour Manor and on the Dick Haymes program. He held the unique record of appearing on 13 different radio programs in a single day. In 1953 he introduced Charlie Weaver on the Dennis Day Show and later took it onto the Jack Paar and Hollywood Squares TV shows. An expert wood carver and authority on American history, he had a museum of hand-carved figures tracing the historical development of military dress in the US.....

Barbara Jo Allen (Vera Vague) was born in New York and went to school at Stanford in California. She studied 5 languages. Miss Allen first appeared on stage in London and later on Broadway in such plays as Shanghai Gesture and the Trial of Mary Dugan. In 1933 she joined NBC in San Fran. as an actress. Her first role was the lead in Carlton E. Morses's "The Witch of Endor." She was later heard on HAWTHORNE HOUSE, DEATH VALLEY DAYS, ONE MAN'S FAMILY. In the late 30's she created her hilarious spinster character "Vera Vague" for a radio staff party. Miss Allen was soon being featured in that role on the Signal Gasoline program and later brought the character to the Bob Hope show as a regular, blowing with "Professor" Jerry Colonna. Vera was a frantic, man-chasing, raspy-voiced screwball who always wore antediluvian headgear and outlandish clothers. It was a far cry from Miss Allen's real life personality - as a smartly dressed, soft spoken brunette, with natural wavy raven black tresses and large brown eyes. She starred in many shorts and two-reelers as well as appeared in several feature films. Her second husband was Burton Yarbrough. Barbara Jo Allen died on Sep 14, age unreported.

PUBLICATIONS, ACTIVITIES AND GROUPS: UC Irvine in Irvine, Cal began offering a class on the Golden Days of Radio Sep 22nd. Guests include John Price, Jim Jordan, Art Linkletter, Alan Reed, Edgar Bergen, Hal Peary, Norman Corwin and others...I received my first 2 issues of Daytime Serial Newsletter (Box 6, Mountain View, Cal 94042) published and edited by Bryna Laub. Its monthly publication is \$8.00 a year and gives a detailed synopsis of every daytime TV soap opera (serial drama) every month together with cast changes. It runs about 16 pages and I recommend it. It mentions a book, "The Wonderful World of TV Soap Operas" by Robert LaGuardia. It gives a complete history of TV soap operas from their start on TV. Write Ballantine Books

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Box 505, Westminster, MD 21157 (\$2.00) or buy it where paperbacks are sold...Greg Jackson mentions a publication about serials called Serial World. The third issue can be ordered by sending \$1.00 to Serial World, Dept. H, Box 64177, Los Angeles, Cal 90064, I believe it concentrates on movie serials. I haven't seen a copy yet...Allan Rockefeller, 505 Seeley Rd, Syracuse, NY 13224 sent his latest newsletter-catalog. If you want a copy send him a 10¢ stamp to cover postage. Programs highlighted are Bob and Ray and Lindbergh's arrival and reception in Washington DC, June 11, 1927. This is 30 minutes edited from original 78's taken directly from the actual broadcast depicting his arrival in Washington following his historic flight. Considering his recent death, this issue might be considered a memorial to him. Also in the newsletter part is an article about radio in 1922...

CATALOGS: (Please mention highlights when you send them to me. Because of the growing number of catalogs and supplements being sent I will mention only those that are specifically requested to be mentioned)...Earl McCool, 412 Wildhaven Cir, Gadsden, Ala 35901; reels 356-415...Lawrence DeSalvatore, 25 Sachem St, New Britain, Ct 06053; 1000 shows, 4 track, 1800'...Bruce Ruggles, Box 1256, North Bay, Ontario, Canada PIB 8K5; 1677-2049; much variety; 1-track only...Josh Bray, Box 98, Green Ln, Penn 18054; reel 59-79; newsbroadcasts and documentaries only...Mar-Bren (Howard Brenner) 420 Pelham Rd, Box 4099, Rochester, NY 14610; Sup 5 including a new SILVER EAGLE in very good condition...Jack Freeman, 503 3rd NE, Swift Current, Sask. Canada; 1697-2300 including 6 hours of Jimmie Allen.

LOGS: Neil Lane, 787 Dodge Tr, Westville, Ind 46391 still wants help for his Fibber McGee Log, especially 1943-45 and the 50's...Gayle Bland, 1125 Monitor Dr, Reno, Nev 89502 is looking for logs or partial logs of AMOS AND ANDY, GILDERSLEEVE, EASY ACES, GANGBUSTERS WHISTLER, SPEED GIBSON, SUPERMAN, FRED ALLEN, LUM AND ABNER...

PERSONALITIES: Jackson Beck wrote a note correcting information sent in the Sep issue. "I originated the Cisco Kid on radio for WOR-Mutual. It was produced by John Sinn of the Frederick Ziv company. John also wrote the first few shows and then turned it over to the late Kenny Lyons. Pahcho was played by the late Louis Sorin. Jack MacGregor directed. When Ziv decided to move the show to the West Coast, I had to regretfully decline the opportunity to go along with it. At that point, Mather took over the radio role. I doubt that Duncan Renaldo ever did the part on radio. Ziv still has the rights to the radio property as far as I know."

BLANK TAPE: Neil Lane has DAK tape for sale in lots of 12 for \$24.00 for 1800'...Len Lawson, 1206 Notre Dame Ct, Livermore, Cal 94550 new prices: Capitol (lots of 12 only) 1200' \$1.75..1800' \$2.15. High Fidelity recording tape: 1200' \$1.25...Scotch: 228-R60 \$2.77; 229-R90 \$3.74

MAILING: Ernie Knowles would like to know if any of his Canadian collector friends have experienced difficulty getting their tape through customs (receiving it). Ernie's last order before he moved was nearly confiscated. It was the old story of copyright infringement. (#68-800 Valhalla Pl, Kamloops, BC, Canada.

LET THE BUYER BEWARE: Several people have written who have had trouble with Fran and Mike Curran (The Best of Radio) in New York. I wrote to them but didn't receive an answer...Others are Jim Harmon, Nostalgia in Miami, Richard Casciello, Wil Dufour, Owens Pomeroy, Luther Sies, Cam Denoncour, R Hutchison, Virgil James, James Hitt...Gerry Roberts and Ken Prigal tend to be very slow...If anyone can







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update information, please do. I always write to these people first in order to clarify complaints. Most of the time I get no response at all.

NEW ADDRESSES: E nie Knowles (Last page)...Bob Monaco, Rt 3, Box 37, Lakeland, Fla 33801.

HERE AND THERE: New Friends: John Dewell, 2102 E 25th St, Tulsa, Okla 74114...Dave Tomlin, 3746 W 29th St, Tulsa, Okla 74114...Dick Mullins, 460 So York, Denver, Col 80209; 325 shows, mostly drama and mystery...George Inglis, 74 Burton Ave, Whitman, Ma 02384...Charles Holmes, 1111 San Juan Dr, Charleston, SC 29407...Roger and Karen Gooding, 6706 Ridgeland Ave, Hammond, Ind 46324...

Old Friends: Larry Rao, 416 E 8th St, Brooklyn, NY 11218 has a 2-reel set of the Presidential resignation (16 hours)...Larry Flagel writes that the Veteran's Hospital in Tampa is broadcasting old time radio to its patients and needs shows. If you can help please send shows  $\frac{1}{2}$ \*track,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  ips to Patient's Library, Veteran's Hospital, 13000 N 30th St, Tampa, Fla 33620. Larry Flagel, 1004 E Powhatten, Tampa, Fla 33604 is looking for LUX Buck Privates w Abbott and Costello. Also LUX Casablanca...Michael Boyle, 205 Sherican Blvd, Inwood, Long Island, NY 11696 is looking for DON AMIGO, MEN IN SCARLET, WILD BILL HICKOK, TOM MIX, GUARDIAN OF THE BIG TOP, ADV. OF JOHNNY LUJACK and QG...Jim Daley, Main St, New Eagle, Penn 15067 wants to resume trading. He has 1600 shows and wants NICK CARTER, FRANK RACE, BOSTON BLACKIE...Stephen Albert, Box 4037, University Park, Las Cruces, NM 88003 has 2 recorders now and wants to trade. He has 75 reels and is interested in science fiction...Len Lawson reminds my readers about his lending library, primarily for beginners. Write him...

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: WRVR-FM; New York City; showing TARZAN, LIFE OF RILEY, CAN YOU TOP THIS, YOU BET YOUR LIFE, others; Mon-Fri 7-8...Also broadcasting HIDDEN TRUTH, MEDICAL FILE, THE CLOCK...Channel 5 in New York is televising YOU BET YOUR LIFE, originally shown in the fifties...WRAK-FM, Williamsport, Pa broadcasts LUM AND A BNE, MELODY RANCH, GREEN HORNET, LIFE OF RILEY, BOB AND RAY, YOU BET YOUR LIFE, and CRISES, a series produced and directed by Jim French. Does anyone know where and when this series first appeared. If so write Charles Stumpf, 722 No Laurel St, Hazelton, Pa 18201.

From Don Koehnemann, 811 Bristol A, Westchester, Ill 60153: I am a Stan Freberg Satire fan-45 RPM recordings, interviews, commercials, TV appearances, etc. I will trade listings for a SASE. Would like to hear from others fans...Why did KFI's 50th birthday salute run only 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  hours instead of 12 hours...Am looking for the following: 1. Alan DeWitt singing with Jan Savitt (38-40) and Tommy Dorsey (40-42) 2. Tony Randall singing St. George Hotel commercial on Tonight Show 3. Steve Allen tribute to Fred Allen 3/19/56 4. Jerry Lewis number-memory "schtick" such as 10,000 Themolomians in full battle array. 5. LUCY\*DESI hour show with Danny Thomas and Marjorie Lord 6. Alan King special w. L Storch, S Lawrence 7. MST-The Man who Came for dinner w. M Wooley 8. MST Earl Carroll Vanities-W Hreman Orch.

From Jim Blythe, 170 Walters Ave, Merrillville, Ind 46410; I have read with much interest the different views of bulk collecting vs. audited collecting and the supposed bitterness involved. Actually it is natural for one to have resentment at the boasts made by the volume collectors (of numbers)...for example it took me 140 hours to edit the some 30 reels of South African material that is now in circulation. The double track and double speed artists can dub this in a little over 30 hours... I spent over 40 hours editing the 1950 Johnson Family series which the speed artist can duplicate in a little over 3 hours... I don't know about other collectors but it takes me



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half a day to dub two hours from discs...There seems to be two areas of resentment: the audited type collector resents the boastings of numbers by the volume collector and volume collector often resents the refusal of a trade by a person with rated shows...Remember there are two types of people in this world: those that believe there are two types of people and those who don't (that's a joke). However there does seem to be room for everyone in the hobby.....((I have covered this topic in great depth for several issues. With this article the topic will remain closed for a while-ed.))

**TARZAN AND THE DIAMOND OF ASHAIR:** This was the second Tarzan series on radio and actually did not appear in print until 1938 in Argosy magazine under the title "The Red Star of Tarzan" and then as the book Tarzan and the Forbidden City. The radio series was done four years earlier. Episode #1 first aired May 14, 1934. It was produced and directed by Fred Shields (father in Meet Corliss Archer). Cast included: Narrator: John McIntire..Helen Gregory: Karena Shields ..Brian Gregory: George Turner..Anton Tohome: Cy Kendall..Wolf: Vic Rodman..Magra: Jeanette Nolan..Tarzan: Carlton Kadell;.d'Arnot: Ralph Scott..Lal Taask: Donald Wilson..Larson: Victor Totel.

Bruce Ruggles has come up with a possible article for Hello Again: Radio's Firsts: and whether or not they are in circulation such as: J Benny, Mar 28/37 in which Rochester first appeared as a pullman portor..Ethal and Albert, mid-March 1946 when Suzie was born, etc. Anyone interested? Anyone who has a large collection of SUSPENSE or ESCAPE send me the names of the 10 or 20 shows that they think are the most terrifying. I will compile them and print the "top 20"

David Howe, Box 823, NSGA Hanza, APO San Fran, Cal 96331 is still working on the Lone Ranger booklet. He also is researching CHALLENGE OF THE YUKON: Some information found so far: Main writers were Mildred Merrill, Tom Dougal, Fran Striker, Dan Beattie, Jim Lawrence... On Nov. 13, 1952 the name of the show was changed to Sergeant Preston of the Yukon. The show was on from Dec 19, 1946-Jun 9, 1955 (1260 shows). Anyone with information on the show please write Dave.

**LATE MAIL AND TIDBITS:** Dick Gulla, 4225 N Cutler Ave, Baldwin Bk, Cal 91706. Dick is looking for Peter Gull, Silver Eagle, Thurston the Magician, Road to Danger, Nero Wolfe with Santos Ortega, Cecil and Sally...Ed Sullivan died Oct. 13th at the age of 73. Sullivan introduced many personalities to the world over radio and television. On May 2, 1931 Jack Benny made his radio debut over his program...John Louis Roventini retired after 41 years at the age of 64. He was "Johnny," Philip Morris's famous bellboy who quit his job as a bellboy in New York to do commercials for Philip Morris. He was then paid \$100 a week. The company described Roventini as the world's most famous living trademark...46 new Jack Benny shows are now being available from the west coast. One person who has them now is Len Lawson...Jim Dorman (Oregon Magnetics), Box 13374, Portland, Ore 97213. Jim sells video tape...Steve Albert Many Star Trek slides which he will sell for 45¢...Does anyone know the whereabouts of Richard Stadler? He doesn't appear to be at the Nashua, NH address...Bill Blalock, 609 Blus, Richland, Wa 99352 is looking for the address of Jimmy Scribner. Bill is mainly interested in radio shows of the '30s.

Have a nice Halloween; be nice to radio this month...Write if you get work and hang by your thumbs.  
Jay Hickerson, Box G, Orange, Ct 06477 (203) 795-6261 \$5.50